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BEGIN SUMMARY. AS RESULT OF EC COUNCIL DISCUS-
SION FEBRUARY 14-15, WHICH PROVIDED ALTERNATIVE
OF SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR FAEROES SHOULD THEY
DECIDE, FOR TIME BEING, NOT TO JOIN COMMUNITY,
FAEROESE LOCAL ASSEMBLY IS EXPECTED TO VOTE
WEEK BEGINNING JANUARY 28 AGAINST EC ENTRY.
DANISH GOVERNMENT WILL NEGOTIATE WITH EC TO
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OBTAIN ARRANGEMENT GUARANTEEING FULL ACCESS TO

COMMUNITY MARKETS FOR FAEROESE FISH. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF FAEROESE/GREENLAND AFFAIRS, J.A. NOLSOE, TOLD EMBOFF THAT FAEROESE LOCAL ASSEMBLY IS EXPECTED TO VOTE NO TO ENTRY INTO THE EC IN A VOTE WHICH WILL BE TAKEN SOME TIME DURING THE WEEK BEGINNING JANUARY 28.

2. ACCORDING TO PROTOCOL 2, TREATY OF ACCESSION OF DENMARK, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, FAEROE ISLANDS' LOCAL ASSEMBLY WAS GIVEN UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1975 TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO ENTER EC. DESIRE FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION ON FISHERY LIMITS HAS BEEN THE MAIN OBSTACLE TO FAEROESE ENTRY.

3. THE NORGGAARD PROPOSAL (REF B), CALLING FOR SPECIAL CONCESSIONS CONCERNING FISHERIES TO AREAS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC HEAVILY DEPENDENT UPON FISHING FOR THEIR LIVELIHOOD, WAS SEEN BY THE DANES AS A MEANS OF OVERCOMING FAEROESE OPPOSITION TOWARDS ENTRY. EC COUNCIL DID NOT WISH TO TAKE ACTION ON THE NORGGAARD PROPOSAL UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. SINCE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT LOS CONFERENCE WILL NOT END BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1975, DANISH GOVERNMENT*ASKED THE EC COUNCIL TO POSTPONE DEADLINE FOR FAEROESE DECISION.

4. ACCORDING TO NOLSOE, COUNCIL DENIED THE DANISH REQUEST, PRIMARILY ON THE GROUNDS THAT THERE WAS TOO MUCH DANGER OF SETTING A PRECEDENT PERMITTING CHANGES IN THE TREATY OF ACCESSION; IT WAS FEARED THAT SUCH AN ACTION MIGHT BE USED BY EVENTUAL SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT TO SEEK CHANGES IN THE TREATY FOR BRITAIN.

5. EC COMMISSION SUGGESTED AN ALTERNATIVE WHEREBY THE FAEROESE LOCAL ASSEMBLY WOULD VOTE AGAINST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENTRY, AND THEN, AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 3, PROTOCOL 2, NEGOTIATIONS COULD START ON A SPECIAL EC-FAEROESE ARRANGEMENT. SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD BASICALLY PROVIDE FOR THE EXPORT AND DIRECT LANDINGS OF FAEROESE-CAUGHT FISH IN THE COMMUNITY. THIS ALTERNATIVE WAS FAVORED BY THE FAEROESE. IT WAS ACCEPTED BY THE DANISH REPRESENTATIVE AT THE EC COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 14-15, 1974 AFTER ASSURANCES WERE GIVEN BY THE OTHER

EC REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE FAEROE ISLANDS WOULD BE WELCOME TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY AFTER THE LOS CONFERENCE, AND THAT A SPECIAL EC-FAEROESE ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE WORKED OUT FOR THE INTERIM.

6. IN HIS NEWSPAPER COLUMN, IVAR NORGAARD, FONECONMIN IN THE FORMER DANISH GOVERNMENT, CASTIGATED THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OVER THE DECISION. AMONG OTHER CONCERNS, HE FEARED THAT IT WOULD BE USED BY THOSE ELEMENTS IN GREENLAND SEEKING TO TAKE GREENLAND OUT OF THE EC AS WELL AS BY THOSE SEEKING HOME RULE. LARS EMIL JOHANSEN, NEW GREENLAND REPRESENTATIVE IN THE DANISH PARLIAMENT AND ADVOCATE OF HOME RULE AND NON-EC MEMBERSHIP FOR GREENLAND, HAS IN FACT USED BOTH THE DECISION AND THE NORGAARD COMMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE.
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